

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

### **1. (Currently Amended)**

1                   A method of making a dispensing closure comprising  
2                   compression molding a charge of molten plastic to form a plastic closure  
3                   having a base wall and a peripheral skirt with internal means for securement to a container,  
4                   and forming an opening in said base wall of said plastic closure ~~during the compression~~  
5                   molding, and  
6                   compression molding a combined liner and nozzle on said plastic closure on  
7                   an underside of said base wall within said skirt.

### **2. (Original)**

1                   The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 1 wherein the  
2                   step of forming said opening in said base wall comprises forming an integral transverse cull  
3                   on the base wall of the plastic closure during the compression molding of said plastic closure  
4                   and thereafter severing said cull to form said opening.

### **3. (Original)**

1                   The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 2 wherein the  
2                   step of forming said opening comprises forming a thin integral web of plastic connecting said  
3                   cull to said base wall of said closure.

4. (Original)

1           The method set forth in claim 2 wherein the step of forming said cull  
2 comprises forming a disk across said opening.

5. (Original)

1           The method set forth in claim 4 wherein the step of forming said disk  
2 comprises forming a thin web of plastic at the juncture of said base wall and said disk  
3 along which said disk may be severed.

6. (Original)

1           The method set forth in claim 2 wherein the step of forming said cull  
2 comprises forming a base wall and an integral wall integrally connected with said  
3 closure by a weakened line along which the cull is severed.

7. (Original)

1           The method set forth in claim 6 including forming said closure to a  
2 configuration such that it can be utilized as an overcap.

8. (Currently Amended)

1           The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 1 including  
2 forming at least one slit in a nozzle portion of said combined liner and nozzle.

9. (Currently Amended)

1           The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 8 wherein the  
2   step of forming at least one slit in said nozzle portion comprises engaging said dispensing  
3   closure, applying a force to the outer surface of said nozzle portion and moving a cutting tool  
4   axially against the inner surface of said nozzle portion to cut said slit.

10. (Currently Amended)

1           The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 1 wherein the  
2   step of forming said combined liner and nozzle comprises forming ~~said a nozzle with a~~  
3   portion extending through said opening.

11. (Currently Amended)

1           The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 10 wherein the  
2   step of compression molding said plastic closure comprises forming an axial projection  
3   defining said opening, and wherein the step of said compression molding said combined liner  
4   and nozzle comprises engaging said axial projection to define a cavity for said nozzle portion  
5   during the compression molding.

12. (Original)

1           The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 11 wherein the  
2   step of compression molding of said plastic closure comprises forming a shoulder at the  
3   junction of the inner surface of said base wall and said peripheral skirt, and engaging said  
4   shoulder with a forming tool to close the cavity during compression molding of the combined  
5   liner and nozzle.

13. (Currently Amended)

1           A method of making a closure comprising  
2           molding a charge of molten plastic to form a plastic closure having a base wall  
3   and a peripheral skirt with internal means for securement to a container, and forming an  
4   opening in said base wall of said plastic closure ~~during the molding of said closure~~, and  
5           compression molding a combined liner and nozzle on said plastic closure on  
6   an underside of said base wall within said skirt.

14. (Original)

1           The method set forth in claim 13 wherein the step of forming said opening in  
2   said base wall comprises forming an integral transverse cull on the base wall of the plastic  
3   closure during the molding of said plastic closure and thereafter severing said cull to form  
4   said opening.

15. (Original)

1           The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of forming said opening  
2 comprises forming a thin integral web of plastic connecting said cull to said base wall of said  
3 closure.

16. (Currently Amended)

1           The method set forth in claim ~~14~~ 13 wherein the step of molding said plastic  
2 closure comprises forming an axial projection defining said opening, and thereafter  
3 compression molding said combined liner and nozzle by engaging said axial projection to  
4 define a cavity for said combined liner and nozzle during the compression molding.

17. (Currently Amended)

1           The method set forth in claim 16 wherein the step of molding of said plastic  
2 closure comprises forming a shoulder at the juncture of the inner surface of said base wall  
3 and said peripheral skirt, and engaging said shoulder with a forming tool to close the cavity  
4 during the molding of the combined liner and nozzle.

18. (Original)

1           The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of forming said cull  
2 comprises forming a disk across said opening.

19. (Original)

1           The method set forth in claim 18 wherein the step of forming said disk  
2 comprises forming a thin web of plastic at the juncture of said base wall and disk along which  
3 the disk may be severed.

20. (Original)

1           The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of forming said cull  
2 comprises forming a base wall and an integral wall integrally connected with said closure by  
3 a weakened line along which the cull is severed.

21. (Original)

1           The method set forth in claim 20 including forming said closure to a  
2 configuration such that it can be utilized as an overcap.

22. (Currently Amended)

1           The method set forth in claim 13 including forming at least one slit in said  
2 combined liner and nozzle.

23. (Original)

1           The method set forth in claim 13 wherein said closure is molded by  
2 compression molding.

24. (New)

1           A method of making a closure comprising  
2           forming a plastic closure having a base wall, a peripheral skirt with internal  
3 means for securement to a container and an opening in said base wall, and  
4           compression molding a combined liner and nozzle onto an underside of said  
5 base wall within said skirt in such a way that said combined liner and nozzle has an annular  
6 liner portion on said underside of said base wall and a nozzle portion within said opening.

25. (New)

1           The method set forth in claim 24 wherein the step of compression molding  
2 said combined liner and nozzle is such that said nozzle portion extends through said  
3 opening of said base wall.

26. (New)

1           The method set forth in claim 24 wherein the step of forming said plastic  
2 closure comprises forming an axial projection defining said opening, and thereafter  
3 compression molding said combined liner and nozzle by engaging said axial projection to  
4 define a cavity for said combined liner and nozzle during the compression molding.

27. (New)

1                   The method set forth in claim 25 wherein the step of forming said plastic  
2   closure comprises forming a shoulder at the juncture of the inner surface of said base wall  
3   and said peripheral skirt, and engaging said shoulder with a forming tool to close the cavity  
4   during the molding of the combined liner and nozzle.

28. (New)

1                   The method set forth in claim 24 wherein said closure is formed by  
2   compression molding.